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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 12, 2004, it is respectfully requested that the Commissioner reconsider the rejections made in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

The Examiner has indicated that claims 2-9 are allowable if rewritten in independent form. The Examiner has allowed claims 12-14.

However, the Examiner has maintained the rejection of claims 1 and 10 as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,429,225 to Schiesser *et al.* ("Schiesser") under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection. As a result, claims 1 and 10 remain at issue.